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SB 276 Absentee confirmation form mailed annually
Secretary Linda McCulloch's Testimony

Good morning Mr. Chair, members of the committee.
For the record, I am Montana Secretary of State Linda McCulloch.

I am here today to support Senate Bill 276, an act revising the duration for which an address confirmation form for absentee voters is valid.

My friend and Legislative Mentor Senator Squires knows a good bill when she sees one, as this legislation benefits voters, election administrators and Clerks and Recorders.

I would like to thank ~~*her fellow Senator~~ *Linda Squires* for carrying this bill on Senator Squires' behalf. We all know how much she would love to be here.

Currently, more than 145,000 voters are on the state's absentee ballot list.

Election administrators are required to send address confirmation notices to each of these folks, twice per year ---once in January and again in July.

Reducing the number of times these forms must be mailed annually, reduces voters' frustration while saving counties time and money.

Election administrators spend a significant amount of time and resources responding to complaints regarding the confirmation process, and this proposal is a simple solution to that problem.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average American moves roughly once every five years.

I am confident election administrators will be able to maintain an updated list of absentee voters and their addresses by mailing confirmations only once per year.

Whether it's a state or county office, increasing government efficiency is a good goal for all of us.

Thank you for your time.

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ABSENTEE ADDRESS CONFIRMATION
13-13-212(4)(B), MCA

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You are registered as a Permanent Absentee Elector. In order to receive a ballot for upcoming elections for which you are eligible, state law requires that you complete and return this address confirmation form. (If you do not return this completed form, your name will be removed from the Permanent Absentee Elector List. This will not prohibit you from requesting to have your name placed on the list in the future.)

Upcoming Election is

2009 School Election (IF ONE IS REQUIRED)

WHAT DO YOU NOT GET ABOUT

= PERMANENT

On your application to be placed on the Permanent Absentee Elector List you gave the following mailing address as the address where you want your absentee ballot to be mailed:



1413541



If the above mailing address is not correct, please clearly write the complete correct mailing address below for the upcoming period from February 1 through July 31:

Please include your phone number so we can reach you if we need to.
Sign and date this form and return it to:

Elections Office
100 W. Laurel Ave.
Plentywood, MT 59254
(406) 765-3403

Signature of Elector

Date

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Phone Number

